will be covered under the scheme. The total sum insured would be Rs. 30,000/- per family per annum on a family floater basis. The benefits will start accruing from 1st April, 2008.

With a view to providing death and disability cover to rural landless households, the 'Aam Aadmi Bima Yojana' has been launched on 2nd October, 2007. Under the scheme, the head of the family or one earning member in the family will be insured. The Central Government will bear 50% of the premium of Rs. 200/- per year per person and the remaining 50% of the premium will be borne by State Government. The benefits under the scheme include Rs. 30,000/- in case of natural death; Rs. 75,000/- in case of death due to accident. In case of partial disability to accident, the insurance cover would be Rs. 37,500/-. The children of beneficiaries of AABY studying in classes 9th to 12th including ITI courses are eligible to a scholarship @ Rs. 300/- per quarter per child for a maximum period of 4 years under Shiksha Sahyog Yojana.

Similarly, the National Old Age Pension Scheme (Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme) has been expanded to cover all BPL citizens above the age of 65 years with effect from 19.11.2007.

Bills for agriculture and non agriculture workers by NCEUS

963. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector (NCEUS) had recommended two comprehensive bills for agriculture and non-agriculture workers respectively in July, 2007;

(b) if so, whether the same was accepted;

(c) if no, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether NCEUS had also recommended creation of a National Fund for playing a catalytic role in the promotion of livelihood of unorganized workers;

(e) whether the same has been accepted; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (f) The National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector (NCEUS) has submitted a Report on Comprehensive Legislation for Minimum Conditions of Work and Social Security for Unorganized Workers in July, 2007. As regards providing social security to unorganised sector workers, the Unorganised Sector Workers' Social Security Bill, 2007 has been introduced in Rajya Sabha on 10.09.2007. Regarding Minimum Conditions of Work, the report is being examined in the Ministry in consultation with State Governments. The NCEUS has recommended creation of National Fund for Unorganised Sector. However, the recommendation was not accepted as it was felt that in view of the varied nature of the schemes, the source of funding should be prescribed in the schemes themselves.